

SENATE RESOLUTION 135

By Watson

A RESOLUTION to congratulate James Edwin and Judith Ann Hostetter on the celebration of their sixtieth wedding anniversary.

WHEREAS, the members of this legislative body take great pleasure in paying tribute to those successful marriages that have stood the test of time to serve as exemplars for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, on June 15, 1957, James and Judith Hostetter were joined in holy matrimony, and since that fateful day, this outstanding couple has faced the world as one, basking in the glow of their love for each other during both life's joys and sorrows; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Hostetter have been highly respected citizens of their communities in both Indiana and Tennessee; they are the very epitome of good neighbors, as they always endeavor to treat others as they would like to be treated; and

WHEREAS, James Hostetter served with acumen and alacrity as a printer in the newspaper industry, and he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work. In 1963, he set the type for the *Bluffton Banner's* report on the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, which was the first article published in Indiana on the tragic event; and

WHEREAS, Judith Hostetter is a professional artist whose work is on display in at least three countries and throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, in 1973, the Hostetters became missionaries to Mexico and south Texas. James Hostetter printed materials in Spanish for the missionaries to use. After a few years, the mission board transferred the Hostetters to Tennessee, and Mr. Hostetter continued to print missionary materials in a variety of languages; and

WHEREAS, along with a host of Indiana foster children, this fine couple has raised three of their own children, each of whom has excelled in his or her particular field of endeavor; the

Hostetters' children are Debra Ann Richard, the late James Dean Hostetter, and Elizabeth Ann McVicker; and

WHEREAS, the Hostetters are also the proud grandparents of seven grandchildren, Dan, Jonathan, Laurel, Arielle, Marie, Nick, and Emily, and seven great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, for sixty years, this blessed union has grown and prospered as an expression of time-honored family values and selfless love; and

WHEREAS, marriages such as the Hostetters' are truly the rock-solid foundation upon which our society is built and a beacon of sanity and continuity; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and congratulate James Edwin and Judith Ann Hostetter on the celebration of their sixtieth wedding anniversary and extend to them our best wishes for much continued happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.